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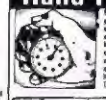

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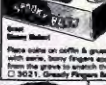

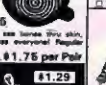

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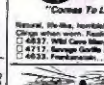

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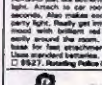

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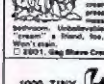

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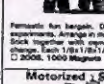

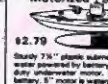

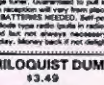

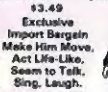

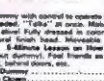

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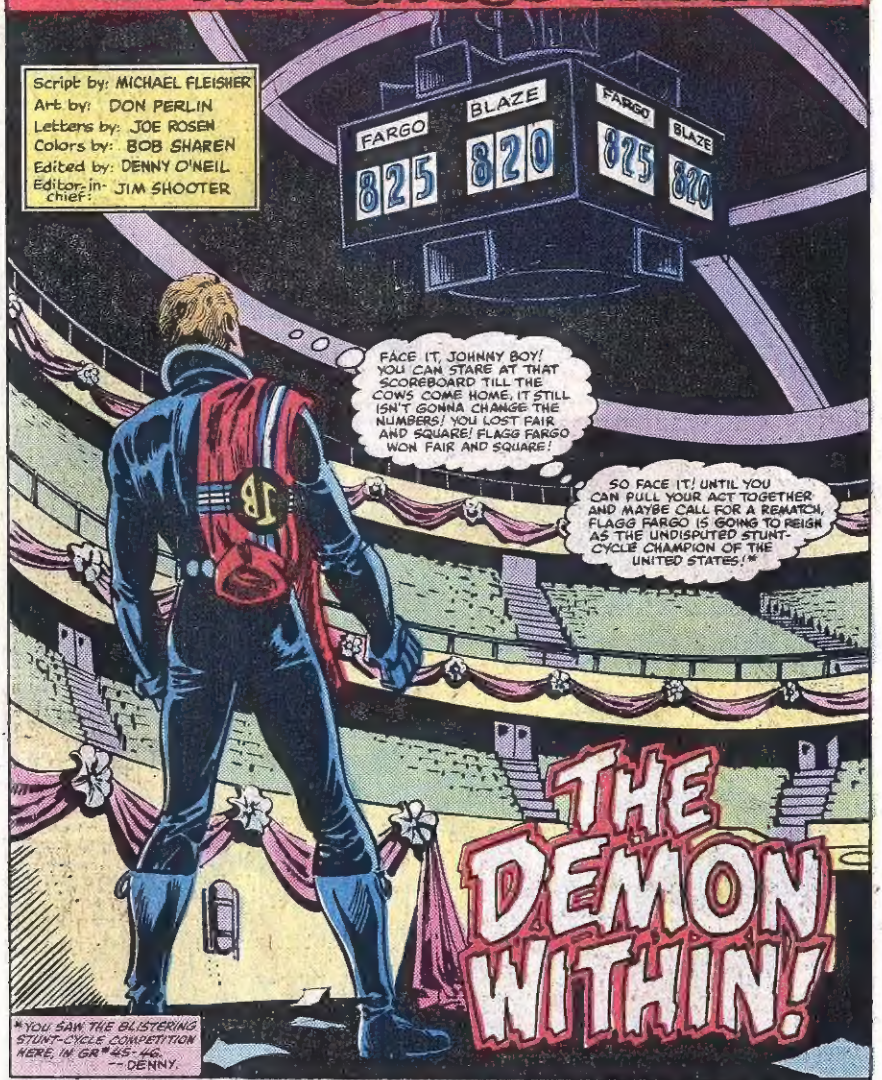
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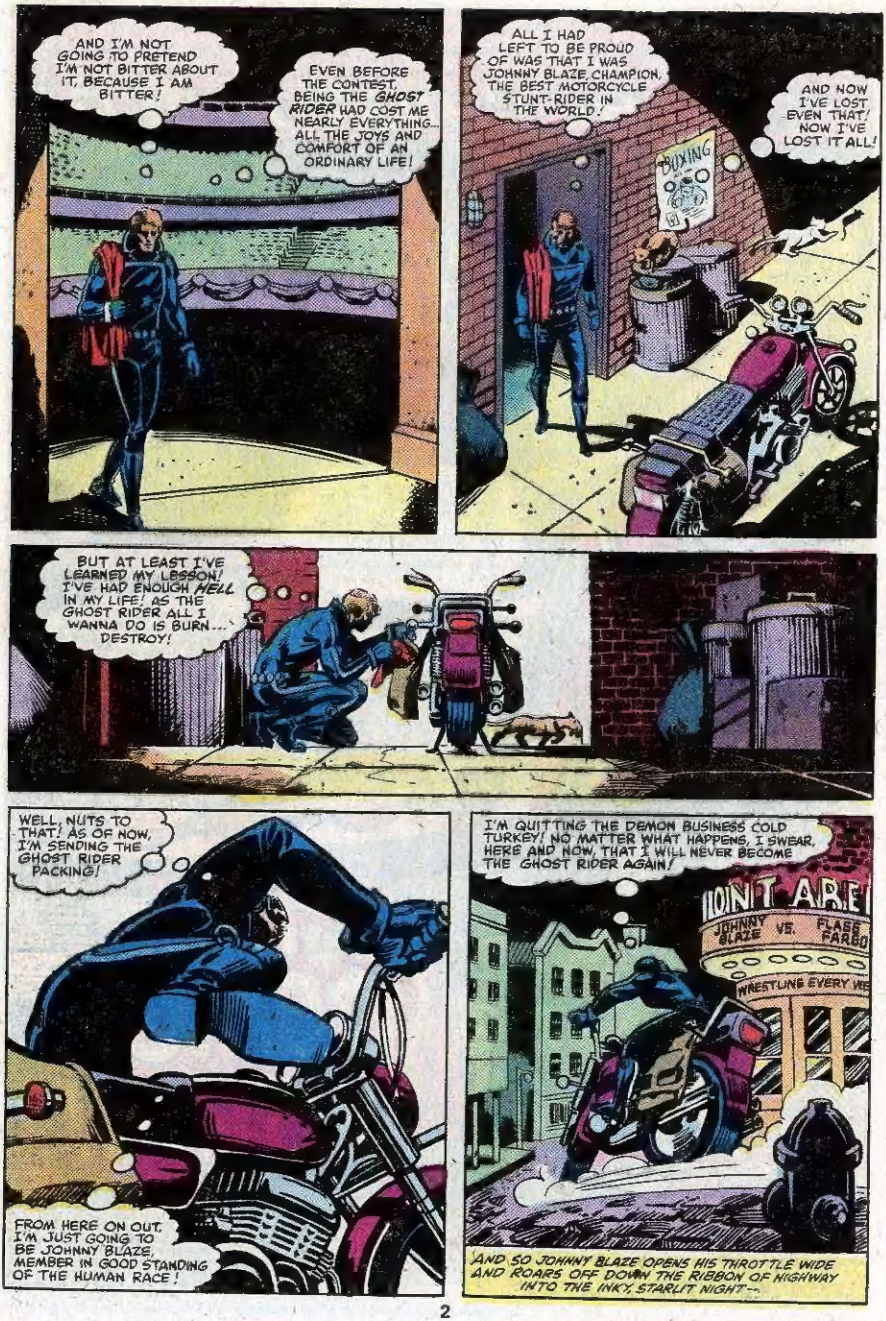
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BUT AT LEAST I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON! I'VE HAD ENOUGH HELL IN MY LIFE! AS THE GHOST RIDER ALL I WANNA DO IS BURN... DESTROY!
WELL, NUTS TO THAT! AS OF NOW, I'M SENDING THE GHOST RIDER PACKING!
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AND SO...
I'LL JUST HAVE A GLASS OF WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT ON DRAFT, PLEASE!
PULL ONE, ERNIE!
COMIN' RIGHT UP, WANDA!
HEY! PARDNERS! LOOKA WHAT THE SMOG BLEW IN!
HEY, YEAH, I CAN I. D. THIS DUDE! HE USETA BE JOHNNY BLAZE, THE CYCLE CHAMP, REMEMBER?
NAW, I AIN'T OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER THAT FAR BACK! YOU MEAN THIS HAS-BEEN IS THE SAME WASHED-UP BIKER THAT WAS ACED OUT OF HIS TITLE BY FLAGG FARGO OVER AT CLAREMONTE LAST WEEK?
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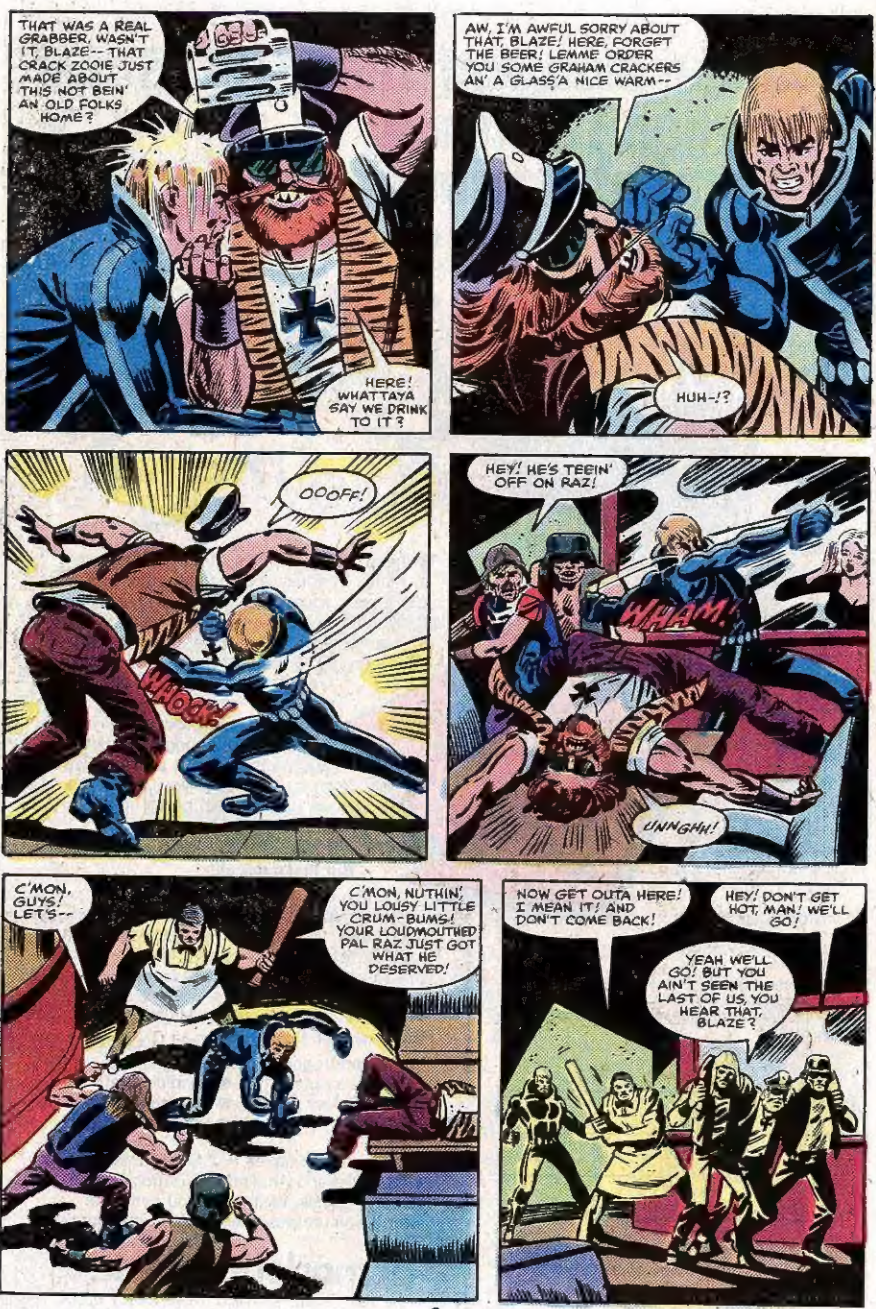
THAT WAS A REAL GRABBER, WASN'T IT, BLAZE-- THAT CRACK ZOOIE JUST MADE ABOUT THIS NOT BEIN' AN OLD FOLKS HOME?
HERE! WHATTAYA SAY WE DRINK TO IT?
AW, I'M AWFUL SORRY ABOUT THAT, BLAZE! HERE, FORGET THE BEER! LEMME ORDER YOU SOME GRAHAM CRACKERS AN' A GLASS'A NICE WARM--
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OOOFF!
WHOCK!
HEY! HE'S TEEIN' OFF ON RAZ!
WHAM!
UNNGHH!
C'MON, GUYS! LET'S--
C'MON, NUTHIN' YOU LOUSY LITTLE CRUM-BUMS! YOUR LOUDMOUTHED PAL RAZ JUST GOT WHAT HE DESERVED!
NOW GET OUTA HERE! I MEAN IT! AND DON'T COME BACK!
HEY! DON'T GET HOT, MAN! WE'LL GO!
YEAH WE'LL GO! BUT YOU AIN'T SEEN THE LAST OF US, YOU HEAR THAT, BLAZE?

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A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, I'M OKAY, EXCEPT FOR THAT LITTLE DOUSING THEY GAVE ME! I AM STILL THIRSTY, THOUGH!
YOU GOT IT, FELLA! ON THE HOUSE!
COOL... MIGHTY COOL!
IT IS NEVER AN EASY TASK FOR ANY MAN, GAINING CONTROL OVER THE SATANIC DEMONS THAT DWELL WITHIN THE DARKNESS OF THE HUMAN BREAST...
AND SO IT IS THAT, AS THE HOURS PASS, JOHNNY BLAZE WRAPS HIMSELF IN LONELINESS AND SEEKS OBLIVION--
UNTIL FINALLY...
MR. BLAZE! D-DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE MAYBE HAD--
YES! THAT'S RIGHT! ENOUGH! I-I'VE DEFINITELY HAD ENOUGH! ENOUGH TO KEEP THE DEMON DOWN... FOR NOW!
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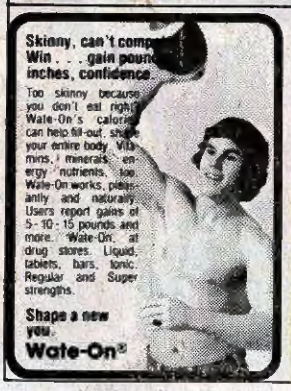

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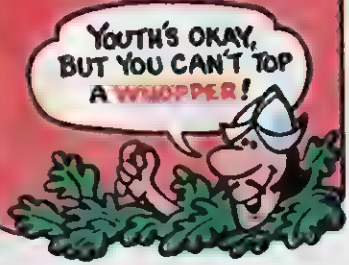
FAILING TO FIND THE FABLED FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, THIS EXPLORER DISCOVERED AN ALL-NIGHT CONVENIENCE STORE AND BOUGHT THE ENTIRE STOCK OF CRUNCHY WHOPPERS CANDY. RETIRING TO THE WHOPPER REACHES OF THE AMAZON, HE INVENTED THE 2-PONCE SUIT.



1850 AL TROVATORE

AFTER CRUNCHING HIS FIRST COCOA-COATED WHOPPERS, THIS FAMOUS COMPOSER OF LYRIC WHOPPERA WAS INSPIRED TO WRITE HIS IMMORTAL "I EAT A. IT TOOK 3 WEEKS AND 12 BOXES OF MALTED MILK CANDY. BRAVO!

1946 SAM ANDREA'S FAULT

AN EARTH TREMOR RATING 5.7 ON A WEST COAST SEISMOGRAPH WAS TRACED TO A YOUNG LOS ANGELES BOY EATING WHOPPERS IN THE BIJOU CINEMA. SAID SAM, "IT AIN'T MY FAULT!"

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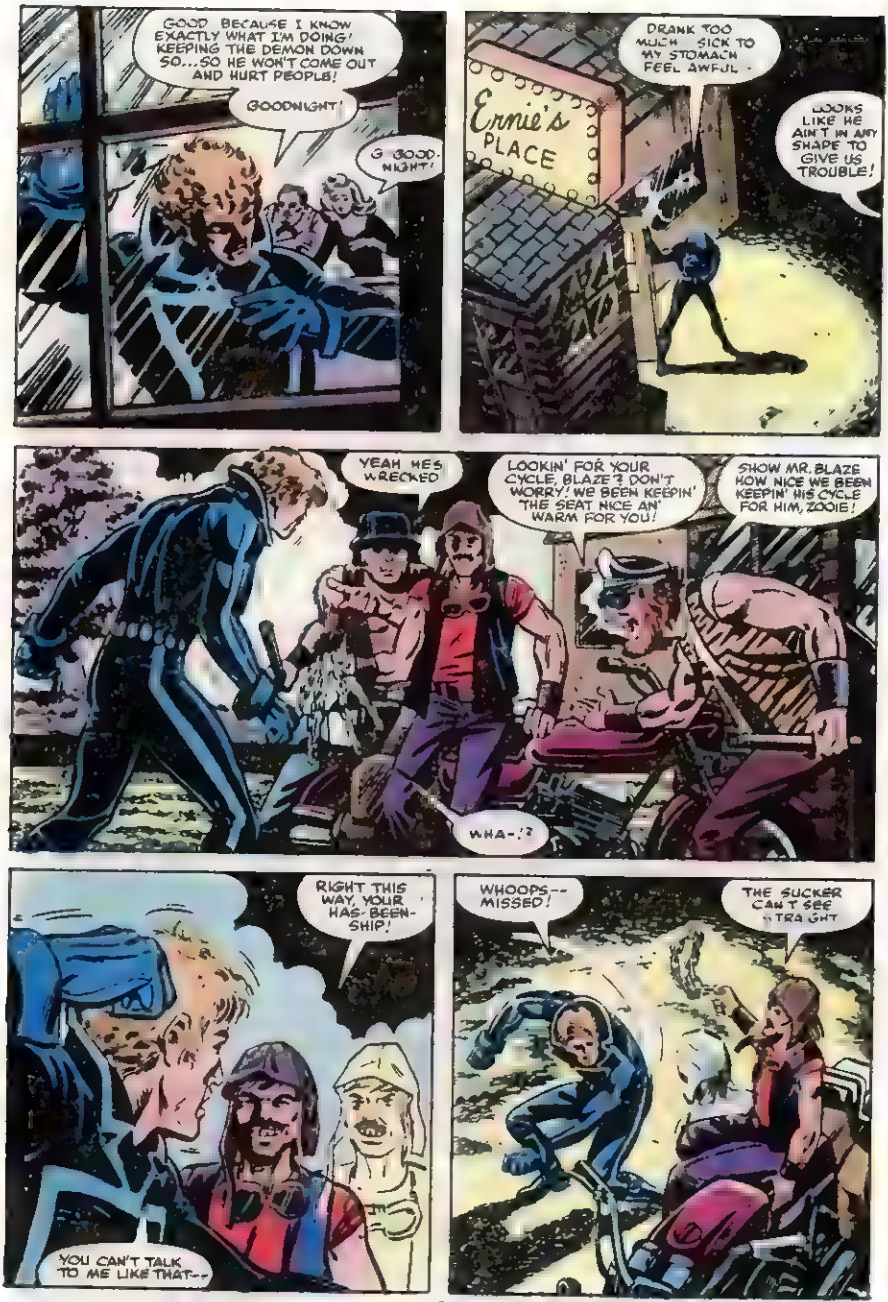
GOOD BECAUSE I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M DOING! KEEPING THE DEMON DOWN SO...SO HE WON'T COME OUT AND HURT PEOPLE!
GOODNIGHT!
G'GOOD-NIGHT!
DRANK TOO MUCH... SICK TO MY STOMACH FEEL AWFUL.
Ernie's PLACE
LOOKS LIKE HE AIN'T IN ANY SHAPE TO GIVE US TROUBLE!
YEAH HE'S WRECKED
LOOKIN' FOR YOUR CYCLE, BLAZE? DON'T WORRY! WE BEEN KEEPIN' THE SEAT NICE AN' WARM FOR YOU!
SHOW MR. BLAZE HOW NICE WE BEEN KEEPIN' HIS CYCLE FOR HIM, ZOOIE!
WHA-!?
RIGHT THIS WAY, YOUR HAS-BEEN-SHIP!
YOU CAN'T TALK TO ME LIKE THAT--
WHOOPS,-- MISSED!
THE SUCKER CAN'T SEE STRAIGHT

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UNGGHH!
WHARK!
Ernie's PLACE
AAAHH!
CHOK!
WHANG!
GNNGHH!
GO AHEAD, RAZ! STOMP HIS FREAKIN' FACE IN!
YEAH! AFTER ALL, RAZ, YOU'RE THE ONE HE TEED OFF ON FOR NO REASON INSIDE THE BAR!
WHY, THANK YOU, PARDNERS! I'M MUCH--
GET AWAY FROM HIM, YOU CRUMMY LITTLE PUNKS!
HUNH-?
YOU HEARD ME. YOU LOUSY LITTLE MAGGOTS! GET OUTA HERE BEFORE I RUN YOU ALL IN!
WE AIN'T DOIN' NUTHIN', OFFICER! HONEST! US AN' OUR PAL JOHNNY BLAZE HERE WAS JUST WORKIN' OUT OUR DIFFERENCES IN A PEACEFUL, FRIENDLY MANNER!
C'MON, GUYS! WE DON'T WANTA MESS WITH THE HEAT! LET'S GET OUTA HERE!

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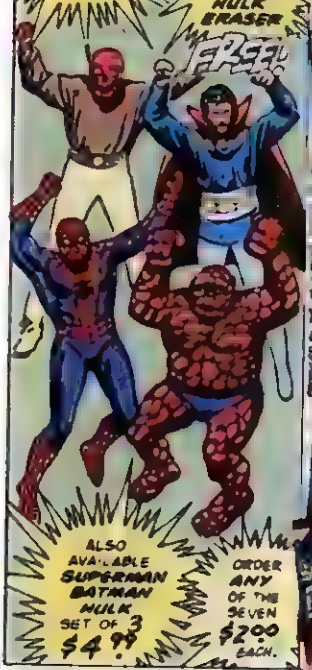

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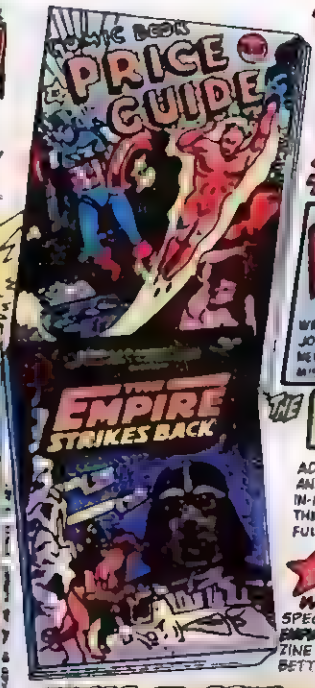

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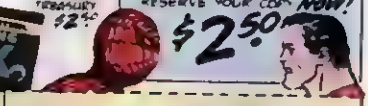

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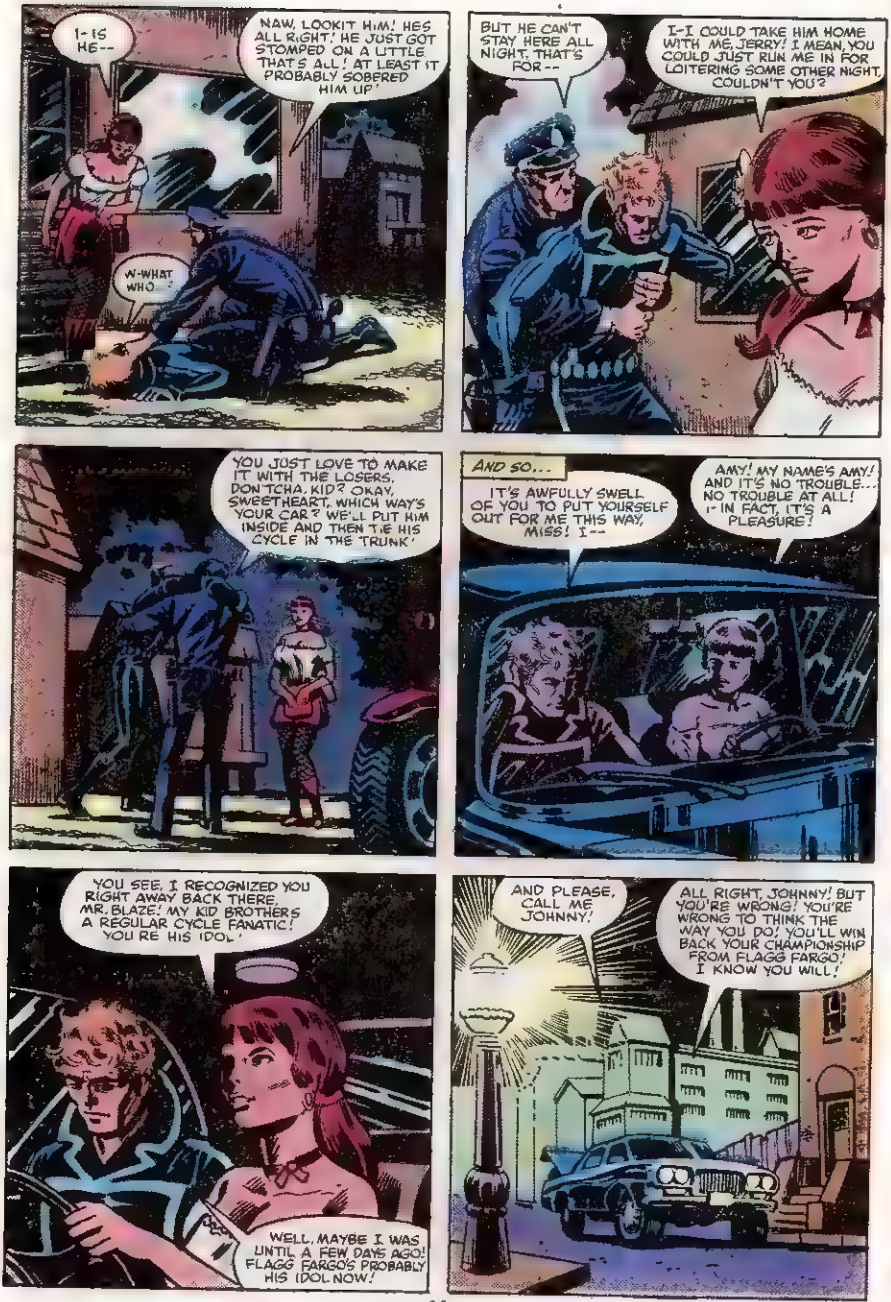
I-IS HE--
NAW, LOOKIT HIM! HES ALL RIGHT! HE JUST GOT STOMPED ON A LITTLE THAT'S ALL! AT LEAST IT PROBABLY SOBERED HIM UP!
W-WHAT WHO...
BUT HE CAN'T STAY HERE ALL NIGHT, THAT'S FOR--
I-I COULD TAKE HIM HOME WITH ME, JERRY! I MEAN, YOU COULD JUST RUN ME IN FOR LOITERING SOME OTHER NIGHT, COULDN'T YOU?
YOU JUST LOVE TO MAKE IT WITH THE LOSERS, DON'TCHA, KID? OKAY, SWEETHEART, WHICH WAY'S YOUR CAR? WE'LL PUT HIM INSIDE AND THEN TIE HIS CYCLE IN THE TRUNK!
AND SO...
IT'S AWFULLY SWELL OF YOU TO PUT YOURSELF OUT FOR ME THIS WAY, MISS! I--
AMY! MY NAME'S AMY! AND IT'S NO TROUBLE... NO TROUBLE AT ALL! IN FACT, IT'S A PLEASURE!
YOU SEE, I RECOGNIZED YOU RIGHT AWAY BACK THERE, MR. BLAZE! MY KID BROTHER'S A REGULAR CYCLE FANATIC! YOU RE HIS IDOL!
WELL, MAYBE I WAS UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO! FLAGG FARGO'S PROBABLY HIS IDOL NOW!
AND PLEASE, CALL ME JOHNNY!
ALL RIGHT, JOHNNY! BUT YOU'RE WRONG! YOU'RE WRONG TO THINK THE WAY YOU DO! YOU'LL WIN BACK YOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FROM FLAGG FARGO! I KNOW YOU WILL!

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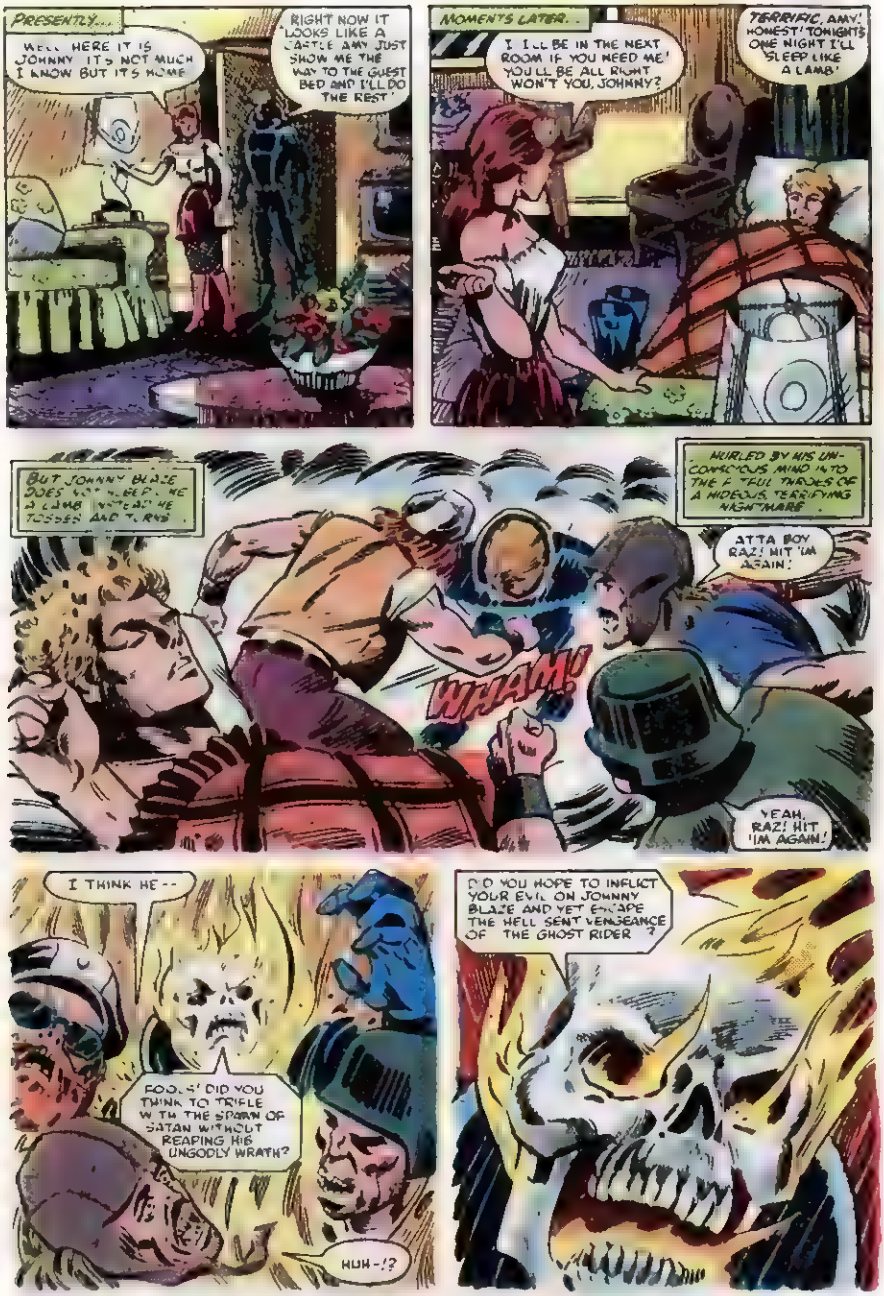
PRESENTLY...
WELL HERE IT IS JOHNNY IT'S NOT MUCH I KNOW BUT IT'S HOME
RIGHT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE A CASTLE AMY JUST SHOW ME THE WAY TO THE GUEST BED AND I'LL DO THE REST
MOMENTS LATER...
I'LL BE IN THE NEXT ROOM IF YOU NEED ME! YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT WON'T YOU, JOHNNY?
TERRIFIC, AMY! HONEST! TONIGHT'S ONE NIGHT I'LL SLEEP LIKE A LAMB!
BUT JOHNNY BLAZE DOES NOT SLEEP. HE SLUMBERS INSTEAD HE TOSSES AND TURNS.
HURLED BY HIS UNCONSCIOUS MIND INTO THE A TELL TALES OF A HIDEOUS, TERRIFYING NIGHTMARE.
ATTA BOY RAZ! HIT 'IM AGAIN!
WHAM!
YEAH, RAZ! HIT 'IM AGAIN!
I THINK HE--
FOOL! DID YOU THINK TO TRIFLE WITH THE SPAWN OF SATAN WITHOUT REAPING HIS UNGODLY WRATH?
HUH-!?
DID YOU HOPE TO INFLICT YOUR EVIL ON JOHNNY BLAZE AND YET ESCAPE THE HELL SENT VENGEANCE OF THE GHOST RIDER?

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TASTE NOW THE FULL UNLEASHED VENGEANCE OF THE GHOST RIDER, FOUL VERMIN, AND--
DIE! DIE! DIE!
DIE! DIE! DIE!
DIE--!!
JOHNNY! PLEASE! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! WAKE UP!
H HUH-!?
JOHNNY! W-WHAT'S THE MATTER? TELL ME!
DEMON! G-GOT TO KEEP THE DEMON DOWN! H-HE WANTS TO COME OUT! C-CAN'T LET THE DEMON COME OUT!
J- JOHNNY! I WANT TO HELP YOU! W-WHAT DEMON? HOW--
DRINK! I-I NEED A DRINK! Y-YOU MUST HAVE A DRINK AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!

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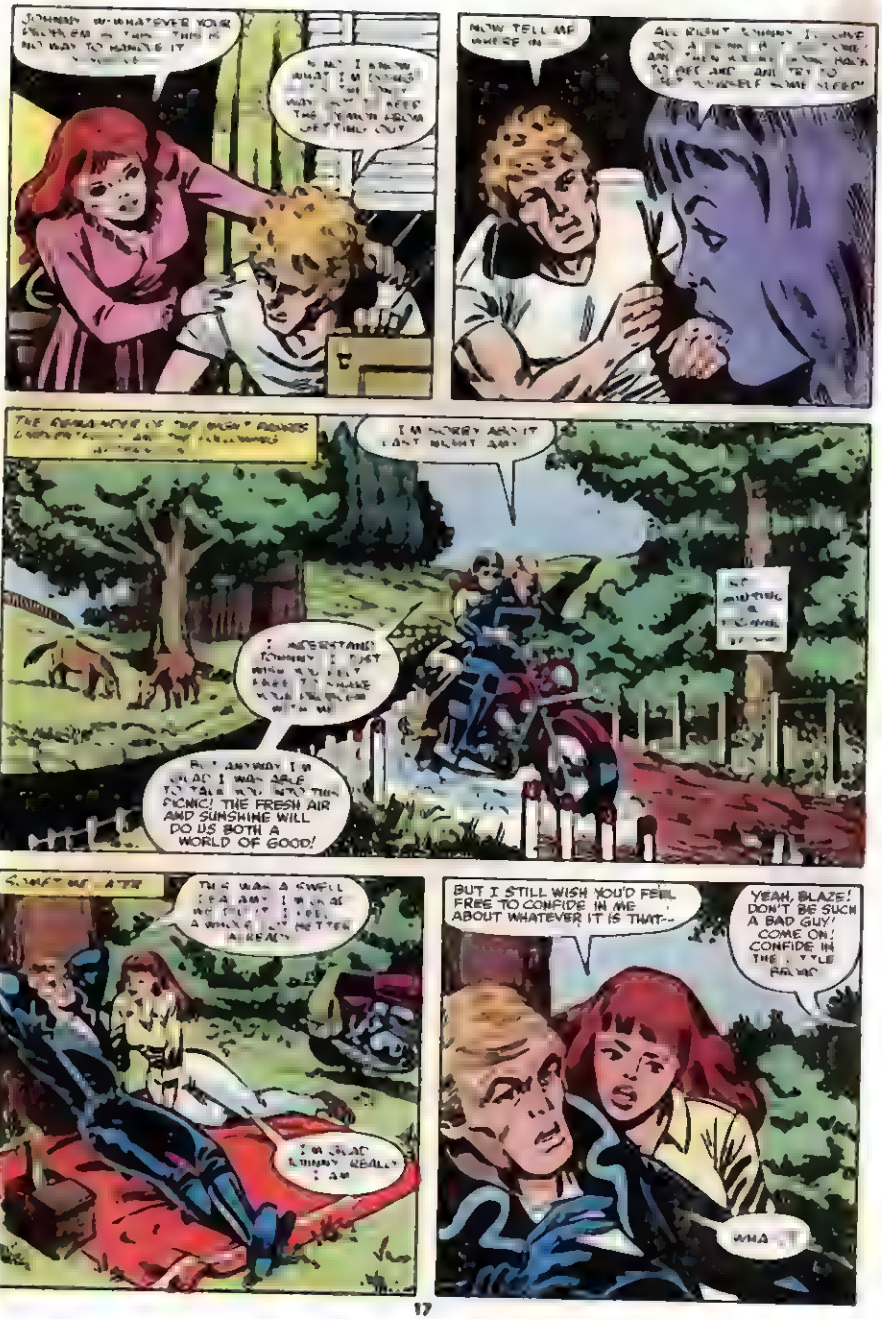
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I UNDERSTAND, JOHNNY! I JUST WISH YOU'D FEEL FREE TO CONFIDE IN ME!
BUT ANYWAY I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO TALK YOU INTO THIS PICNIC! THE FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE WILL DO US BOTH A WORLD OF GOOD!
THIS WAS A SWELL IDEA, JAN! I'M SO GLAD I WAS ABLE TO TALK YOU INTO IT!
I'M GLAD, JOHNNY. REALLY I AM.
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--OUR HEARTS COULD'VE JUMPED FOR JOY! AIN'T THAT RIGHT, PARDNERS?
THAT'S RIGHT, RAZ! THEY WENT PITTY-PAT, PITTY-PAT! DIDN'T THEY, SPARKY?
YEAH, THAT'S JUST WHAT THEY WENT, ALL RIGHT
NOW LOOK HERE PUNK--
WELL, MY, MY! WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
WHY, BLAZO OLD BUDDY! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE STILL TOTIN' THESE AROUND!*
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I MEAN WHAT THE HECK'S GOIN' ON HERE RAZ? DON'T I GET NUTHIN' OF BLAZE'S TO KEEP?
HMM, YOU GOT A POINT THERE SPARKY OLD BUDDY! I CAN'T VERY WELL SHORT-CHANGE ONE'A MY VERY OWN PARDNERS NOW, CAN I?
TELL YOU WHAT, BLAZE! WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE OLD SPARKY HERE THAT FANCY LEATHER JACKET YOU'RE WEARIN'?
THAT WAY EVERYBODY COULD RIDE AWAY WITH SOME SORTA JOHNNY BLAZE SOUVENIR. KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
DON'T TRY BEIN' HEROIC, BLAZE! JUST HAND OVER THE JACKET!
D-DO IT, JOHNNY! -I-I'M AFRAID! PLEASE!
ALL RIGHT, YOU ROTTEN--! HERE IT IS!
AND NOW YOU'D BETTER CLEAR OUT OF HERE, BEFORE I--
SURE, BLAZE, SURE! HOW'S IT FIT, SPARKY?
JUST LIKE A LEATHER GLOVE, RAZ!

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SO LONG, BLAZO! SEE YOU IN THE FUNNY PAPERS!
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
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Y-YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, JOHNNY! BELIEVE ME! VIOLENCE NEVER SOLVED ANYTHING!
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HEY! BLAZE!
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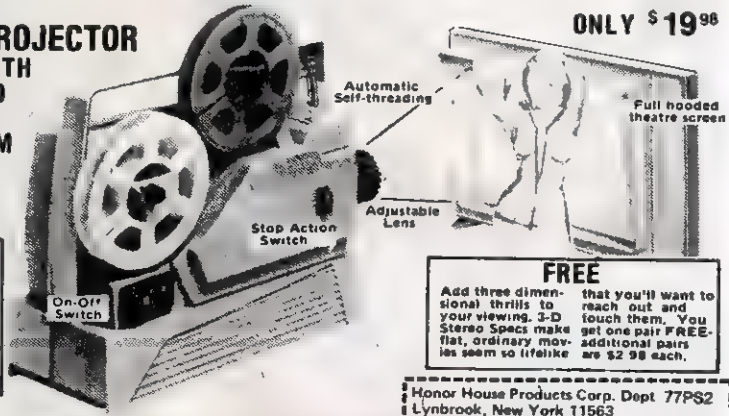

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C'MON GIRLIE LET'S GIVE DADDY A BIG WET SLOBBERY KISS
MMMMMPF!
BUT ALTHOUGH JOHNNY BLAZE HEARS THE YOUNG WOMAN'S WHIMPERED PLEA, HE IS IN NO CONDITION TO HELP HER. JUST YET--
--FOR AT THIS VERY MOMENT, A GREAT FIRESTORM OF ANGER IS COURSING THROUGH HIS VERY BEING!--
--TRANSFORMING HIM, AGAINST HIS WILL, DESPITE ALL HIS WELL-INTENTIONED VOWS TO THE CONTRARY--
G-GOOD GRIEF! S-SOMETHIN'S HAPPENIN' TO BLAZE!
WHEN CHANGE IN
--AND TO THE MOST FEARSOME AVENGER OF EVIL THIS WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN. LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO...
THE GHOST RIDER
I T'S SOME KINDA HORRIBLE MONSTER
I I'M GETTIN OUTA HERE
STRICKEN WITH FEAR, THE HOODLUMS FLEE TO THE 6 AM, WHILE THE SATANIC AVENGER STRETCHES FORTH A BLAZING GAUNTLET HAND TO WRITHE IN A MOTIONLESS OF UNHOLY TORMENT..

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WHO COULD POSSIBLY DESCRIBE THEN THE BLOOD-CHILLING FEAR THAT GRIPS THESE MEN-- THE SHEER MIND-NUMBING TERROR THAT CALLS EVERY FIBER OF THEIR MALEVOLENT BEINGS-- AS THE BRIMSTONE BIKER ROARS AFTER THEM ON HIS HELL-MACHINE, ENGINES CHURNING SILENTLY IN A BLAZE OF METEORIC, NETHERWORLDLY FIRE...
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BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hey, gang, I think I'm in big trouble, and since misery loves company, I might as well let you worry along with me! Y'see, I've got this Soapbox column to write and it's due at the printer tomorrow morning! So, I've gotta wrap it up in the next hour, or else! But, for the first time in about twenty years, I can't think of anything to write about! Oh sure, I could tell you to latch on to the second great issue of EPIC, or one of our many new regular comicbook titles, but I've been trying to avoid the big sell here in the Soapbox. Or, I could give you some gossip about what's happening amongst our batty bullpen bigwigs, but Jolly Jim Shooter and his capricious cohorts usually like to feed you those illuminating items themselves. So here I sit, staring at an emotionless typewriter with fear and panic welling up within my noble breast, while the clock keeps — HEY! Hold it! I thought of something! Wow — saved by the bell! And, best of all, it's something you can help me with!

Ever since I've been out here in Los Angeles, working on Marvel's many magnificent tv and film projects, one thought's been bugging me. I have a feeling that I don't really understand what makes the Saturday morning animated cartoon shows tick on tv! They're so different from the mighty masterworks you find in our mags that they might have originated on another planet. Okay, then, here's what you can do to help me — and perhaps to help the entire world of tv cartoons...

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Stan

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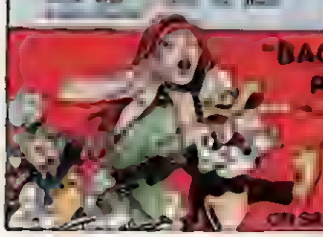

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SOMEONE ELSE IS VERY UNHAPPY IN THE TOWN
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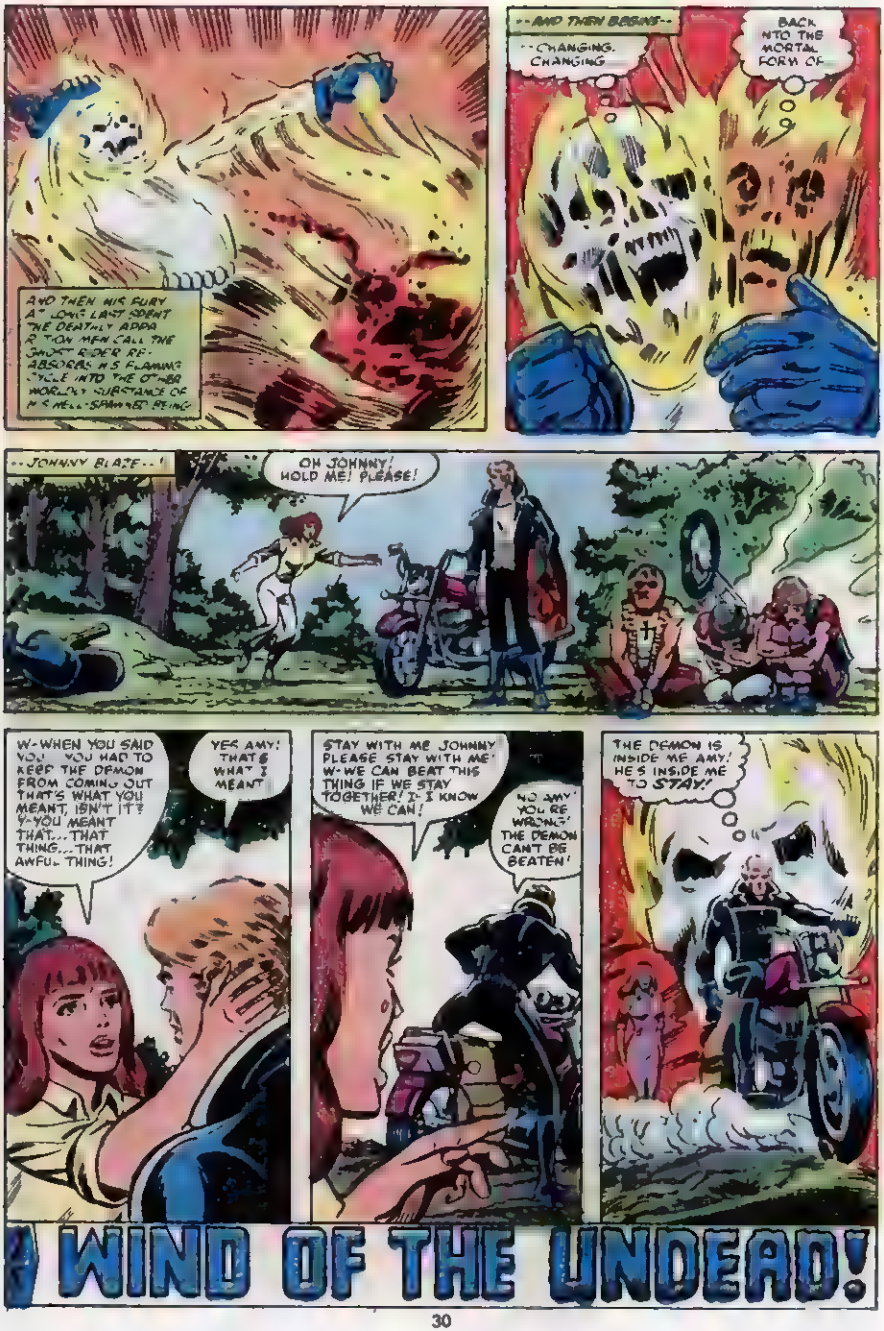
AND THEN HIS FURY AT LONG LAST SPENT THE DEATHLY ADAPTATION MEN CALL THE GHOST RIDER RE-ASSUMES ITS FLAMING CYCLE INTO THE OTHER WORLDLY NIGHTMARE OF HELL-SPAWNED BEING
--AND THEN BEGINS--
--CHANGING. CHANGING
BACK INTO THE MORTAL FORM OF--
--JOHNNY BLAZE--!
OH JOHNNY! HOLD ME! PLEASE!
W-WHEN YOU SAID YOU WOU HAD TO KEEP THE DEMON FROM COMING OUT THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT, ISN'T IT? Y-YOU MEANT THAT... THAT THING... THAT AWFUL THING!
YES AMY! THAT'S WHAT I MEANT
STAY WITH ME JOHNNY PLEASE STAY WITH ME! W-WE CAN BEAT THIS THING IF WE STAY TOGETHER! I-I KNOW WE CAN!
NO AMY! YOU'RE WRONG! THE DEMON CAN'T BE BEATEN!
THE DEMON IS INSIDE ME AMY! HE'S INSIDE ME TO STAY!
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Dear Marvel,

I hope it's not too late for me to say this, but thanks for deciding to make GHOST RIDER a monthly comic.

Now, about issue #41... I'd rate this story as about average, because there wasn't much that really happened. I do have to compliment you, though, on the way you're bringing out the demon side of the Ghost Rider. Now with Johnny not being able to remember who he is — at least, as of this story — the demon should be able to take over his body quite easily, as he did at the end of this issue. All manner of possibilities come to mind with that situation. The Ghost Rider may even decide to side with Satan once again. Or perhaps the Son of Satan will have to make a guest-appearance to exorcize the demon within Johnny Blaze.

Whatever you fellows come up with, I know it'll be something. So until the Ghost Rider becomes the Lone Spirit...

Anthony Lee Walker
6046 South Cottage Grove
Chicago, IL 60637

Gee, A.L., we hope you weren't too disappointed when Johnny got his memory back in the very next issue.

Funny thing, it seems that people keep expecting the Son of Satan to show up in this book. But if he exorcised Johnny's demon, that would be the end of our supernatural cyclist, wouldn't it?

——rs.

Dear Marvel,

Part of my fun in reading GHOST RIDER is the letters page.

A lot of readers have been saying that Johnny Blaze and the Ghost Rider were becoming two beings. Well, to tell the truth, I didn't pay much attention to that until a certain line came along on the last page of G.R. #41. For those of you with short memories, that was where the Ghost Rider said, "...the mind of Johnny Blaze is somehow closed to *me*. Odd... but of no real concern to the Ghost Rider."(The italics are mine.)

Well, if that doesn't prove they are becoming two beings, I don't know what does. That's kind of strange when you consider that the Ghost Rider still had the mind of Johnny Blaze in the earliest days of his career.

And since when does Johnny turn into the Ghost Rider at night? He lost that curse back in GHOST RIDER #13. Now he only turns into the Ghost Rider when danger is around.

Also, what's with this "puny mortals" stuff he's been spouting? He's starting to sound like the Hulk!

Rich Schneider
10955 South Lombard
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We don't know, Rich... maybe they have the same vocal coach.

But seriously, if you caught the letters page in our previous issue, you've already seen Anthony Breaux's theory on the demonization process of the Ghost Rider... and there will be more on that matter in upcoming issues. Keep watching.

You're correct that Johnny does not turn into the Ghost Rider automatically at night any more. But in issue #41, it was not nightfall which brought about the change... it was the subconscious influence of the Ghost Rider him...er, itself!

However, you're a little off-base yourself, as far as Johnny's transformation is concerned. Mr. Blaze becomes the Ghost Rider through a force of will, and has ever since his showdown with the demonic force known as the Challenger, 'way back in issue #19.

All clear?

——rs.

Dear Marvel,

"The Freight Train to Oblivion" in GHOST RIDER #41 was a good story in itself, but having Johnny meet up with a girl was most important.

Look, Johnny needs a girl! Maybe the Ghost Rider can get along by himself, but Johnny Blaze can't.

Johnny hasn't had a steady romantic interest since "The Doom Named Dr. Druid" in issue #26. The only companionship he's had have been during the brief interludes in "A Demon Dwells in Denver" (G.R. #36) and in the recent Death Cult storyline.

Please get a girl into Johnny's life. It makes the stories more interesting.

Gary Vandergrift
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Well, Gary, we'll try. But with a ramblin' guy like Johhny, it's pretty darn hard just to stay in one place... much less find a regular romantic interest. But, one never knows...

——rs.

Dear Marvel,

How come the Ghost Rider rarely fights down-to-earth villains? How about the Punisher guest-starring in an upcoming issue?

Chris Morales
14960 Freeman Avenue
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Huh?

Chris, what do you call the Jackal Gang? Sure, they were despicable, but they were about as mortal as they come.

The Punisher is an intriguing idea, but we'd prefer to keep him away from the supernatural in his adventures.. and that would pretty much rule out any meetings with the Ghost Rider.

——rs.

Dear Ghost Writers,

GHOST RIDER has been a fast improving magazine until Mike Fleisher came along. His stories have been increasingly dull since issue #37. He has not captured the true Ghost Rider.

Get the team of Roger Stern and Roger McKenzie back together. Stern's stories and McKenzie's art just blended together perfectly!

Also, if it is not too much trouble, I would like to see G.R. fight some super-villains. Stern's smart enough to work in some super-villains as G.R. runs rampant.

(Since this is the biggest snow job I could think of, I hope you fall for it and print my letter.)

John Janus
75 Thorndike Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

Sorry, Johnny-Boy, but, it'll be a snowy day in July before we fall for an old gag like that.

(Funny, we didn't know that McKenzie could draw! Say, is it snowing out there?)

——roger stern.

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